

Joy to the world

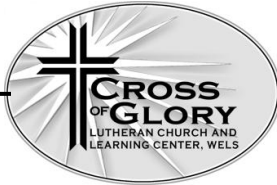


The Lord has come

Luke 2:11

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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us this evening. Tonight, we celebrate the miracle of our Savior's birth. The order of service is printed entirely in this worship folder. If you are visiting us today, please sign our guest register in the church entryway before you leave.

ORDER OF SERVICE: JOY TO THE WORLD

HYMN.....Angels from the Realms of Glory

Congregation:

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain—All:

Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Women:

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

Men:

3. Magi, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen the Savior's star. *Refrain*

Congregation:

4. Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

5. All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th' eternal Three in One. *Refrain*



INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord is come!
All: **Joy to the world!**

Pastor: The Savior reigns!
All: **Joy to the world!**

Pastor: Let earth receive her King!
All: **Joy to the world!**

HYMN.....Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (CW #55)

**1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:**

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

**2. God from true God, and
Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes
Only begotten Son of God the Father
*Refrain***

**3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
*Refrain***

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing.
*Refrain***

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

READING (NOAH HAHM).....Luke 1:26-27; 30-32

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. . . . And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

ANTHEM.....My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

My soul will magnify the Lord
I rejoice in God, my Savior
In the wonder of His favor
For He has done great things for me
He was mindful of His servant
Ev'ry age shall call me blessed
The Hope of Abraham come
In the giving of a Son
For He who promised is mighty
In remembering His mercy

My soul will magnify the Lord
For His grace to those who fear Him
Through ev'ry generation
The proud He scatters to the wind
As the ruler's strength is broken
And the rich are left with nothing
The humble lifted high
And the hungry satisfied
Our Portion and our Treasure
Our Hope and Help forever

RECITATION (CONNOR BOUDREAUX, GIDEON HAHM, JOEL JOHNSON)

What a blessing! What a joy!
Christ was born a little boy.
Jesus came to us on earth
Through a simple, humble birth.

Children: The Lord is come!
All: Joy to the world!

HYMN.....Joy to the World (v.1)

Children:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

READING (BRIANNA BOUDREAUX).....Luke 2:8-12

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

READING (CHLOE JOHNSON).....Luke 2:13-15

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

HYMN.....Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (#61 vv. 1-3)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

RECITATION (CONNOR BOUDREAUX, GIDEON HAHM, JOEL JOHNSON)

Shepherds view the starry night and behold a wondrous sight:
Angels sing of Christ, the King; Listen to their voices ring!

Children: The Lord is come

All: Joy to the world!

HYMN.....Joy to the World (v.2)

Children:

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

READING (PASTOR HAHM).....Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

CHOIR.....Angels We Have Heard on High

RECITATION (BRIANNA BOUDREAUX, CHLOE JOHNSON, NOAH HAHM)

Jesus came, as was foretold	But this peace came with a price
By the prophets, clear and bold;	On the cross of sacrifice.
This Messiah would bring peace,	Yet the Son of God would win:
From our sins would give release.	Jesus conquered death and sin!

Children: The Lord is come
All: Joy to the world!

HYMN.....Joy to the World (v.3)

Children:

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM.....Joy Has Dawned

RECITATION (BRIANNA BOUDREAUX, CHLOE JOHNSON, NOAH HAHM)

Jesus came to save us all
Since the time of Eden's fall.
When He rose from certain death,
He won our eternal breath.

RECITATION (CONNOR BOUDREAUX, GIDEON HAHM, JOEL JOHNSON)

He will come again someday.
When He does, prepare to say:
"The Savior comes! Receive the King!
Joy to the world; rejoice and sing!"

Children: The Lord is come

All: Joy to the world!

HYMN.....Joy to the World (v.4)

Children:

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

RESPONSE

Pastor: The Lord is come! **Children:** Joy! Joy!

All: Joy to the world!

Pastor: He comes to make His blessings flow. **Children:** Joy! Joy!

All: Joy to the world!

Pastor: He rules the world with truth and grace. **Children:** Joy! Joy!

All: Joy to the world!

Pastor: Let earth receive her King! **Children:** Joy! Joy!

All: Joy to the world!

SONG....."Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven"

*Jesus, joy of the highest heaven, Born as a little baby under a wondrous star.
Like us, crying He takes His first breath held by His mother, helpless
Close to her beating heart. Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, Facing a world of dangers,
Come to turn me a stranger into a child of God.*

*Jesus, King of the highest heaven learning to take His first steps, That He might bring us life.
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows, He showed the way to follow,
A way that is true and right. Jesus, take away every darkness, steady my simple footsteps
That I might in your goodness live as a child of God.*

OFFERING

HYMN.....Silent Night (#60)

All:

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lокkigen Haar:
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

HYMN.....Hark the Glad Sound (#12)

All:

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To'enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

